(*b*) (i) the number of those among them whose pay is above Rs. 15 : and

(ii) the number whose pay is Rs. 15 or less ;

(*c*) whether the Inspector of Vernacular Schools finds time to properly conduct the inspection work of the several schools, after attending to his work in connection with the appointment, transfer, leave, etc., of those subordinates ;

(*d*) whether they do not consider it essential in the interests of the administrative efficiency of those officers to invest the Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular Schools with the power of appointment up to Rs. 15 ;

(*e*) whether the Inspector of Vernacular Schools has written to the Director of Public Instruction that this power must remain with him ; and

(*f*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has addressed the Government on the subject ?

Mr. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 5348.

(*b*) (i) 1440.

(ii) 3908.

(*c*) He says that he finds time.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) and (f) Yes.

Liquor Shops near Public Places.

55. Mr. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the number of toddy and arrack shops near public roads, markets, schools, and places of public worship throughout the State ?

Mr. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* required by the member is laid on the table. It includes all toddy and arrack shops within a furlong of the above-mentioned places.

Mr. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to say whether they have cancelled the circular to the effect that toddy and arrack shops should not be located near public thoroughfares, markets, schools, places of public worship, etc. ?

Mr. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Sale of Foreign Liquor at Quilon.

56. Mr. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : (*a*) Did the Government sanction a special license for the vend of foreign liquors for the town of Quilon in 1096 on the distinct condition that liquors brought for sale under that license should be imported through the sea direct from foreign countries ?

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(*b*) To whom was this special license given ?

(*c*) Was that license renewed in the name of the same individual in 1097, and if not, why ?

(*d*) To whom is this license given in 1098 ?

(*e*) Is the original condition attached to this license insisted on and, if not, have Government authorised the Excise Commissioner to issue the special license without the condition ?

(*f*) Did the Excise Commissioner, when he recommended the issue of this license in 1096, write to the Government that, if this condition was not attached, Government would lose customs duty ? If so, why is the condition rescinded now ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) (*a*) An additional license for the vend of foreign liquors at Quilon was sanctioned in 1096 and it contained the condition referred to by the member.

(*b*) Messrs. Thomas Stephen and Sons, Quilon.

(*c*) The license was not renewed in the name of the above company as it did not apply for its renewal.

(*d*) Messrs. M. N. Govinda Pillai and Co.

(*e*) and (*f*) The condition mentioned by the member was not inserted in the renewed license as it was not then considered necessary.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to say why the incorporation of that condition was found unnecessary ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Under the interportal trade convention, the British Government have agreed to pay to this Government Bh. Rs. 40,000 annually, as long as the revenue derived by the latter Government from direct imports does not exceed Bh. Rs. 13,218. If the revenue of the Travancore Government under this head does not come up to the above amount, they will be losing annually to the extent of the difference between the revenue realised under this head and the maximum fixed under the Convention. Till 1095, for some years, our direct receipts on account of the port duties stood below Rs. 13,128 and hence the particular condition in question was inserted in the licenses issued in 1096 to enhance those receipts so as to approximate them to the maximum. Since 1096, however, as a result of the general increase of import duties, our collections from direct imports have gone above Rs. 13,218, and hence the further insistence of this condition in the license for 1097 was not considered necessary.

Promotion of Temperance.

57. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): With reference to the assurance given to this Council, will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken for the promotion of temperance ?

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